REMARKS/ARGUMENTS

Various claims are being amended as shown above. The claim amendments clarify the claim language and are not intended to limit the scope of the claims, unless the claim language is expressly quoted in the following remarks to distinguish over the cited art.

The final office action indicates that claims 69, 71, and 72 are pending in this application. However, Applicants respectfully indicate that in a previous filed amendment (specifically, AMENDMENT B, mailed on December 1, 2004), new claims 71-82 were added. Accordingly, Applicants respectfully request that the Examiner acknowledge the pending claims as claims 69 and 71-82. Applicants further respectfully request that the Examiner perform an examination of the pending claims 73-82.

In the office action, claim 71 and 72 were rejected under 35 U.S.C. 112, second paragraph as allegedly being indefinite for failing to particularly point out and distinctly claim the subject matter which applicant regards as the invention. In response to this rejection, claims 71 and 72 are being amended above in order to particularly point out and distinctly claim the subject matter which applicant regards as the invention.

For the above reasons, Applicants request reconsideration and withdrawal of this rejection under 35 U.S.C. §112, second paragraph.

In the office action, claim 69, 71, and 72 were rejected under 35 U.S.C. 102(b) as allegedly being anticipated by Diem (USP Patent No. 5,696,500). Applicant(s) respectfully traverse(s) this rejection.

Diem discloses a multi-media paging receiver 114 in Figure 13. Signal is received at receiving antenna 112 from transmitting antenna 110 (Figure 1). The multi-media paging receiver 114 includes a controller 1208 that determines if the received signal is intended for the multi-media paging receiver 114. The multi-media paging receiver 114 also includes a multi-media presentation device 1226 that provides audio, visual, or mechanical signal, in order to indicate reception of the message in the received signal. Therefore, Diem discloses a controller 1208 that includes an I/O circuit 1240 (Figure 13) that always outputs messages from the received signal, and Diem further discloses a multi-media presentation device 1226 that always provides the user with audio, visual, or mechanical signal indicating reception of messages via the controller 1208. Diem does not disclose the controller 1208 as generating an output when the multi-media presentation device 1126 does not generate the output. Instead, Diem discloses the multi-media presentation device 1126 as always generating an output.

Independent claim 69 distinguishes over Diem at least by reciting, a method including "*in response to the event, if the event-related content is not generated via the variable-function device, then generating the event-related content via the computer,*" and such recited features are not disclosed or suggested by the Diem.

Furthermore, Diem is directed to a paging system 100 for providing paging services or information services to a user. The user uses a multi-media terminal 116 to compose program, and the multi-media terminal 116 processes the

program into files. The multi-media terminal 116 transmits
these files via communication link 118 to a multi-media
messaging terminal 106. The multi-media messaging terminal
106 encodes the files and also encodes conventional page
messages from a paging user, in order to generate encoded
messages that are transmitted by a transmitter 108. The
user of the multi-media paging receiver 114 receives the
encoded messages from the transmitter 108, and the encoded
message is displayed on the multi-media paging receiver
114. Therefore, Diem does not disclose a method where a
computer detects an event is detected by a computer, where
a variable-function device generates an event-related
content in response to the event, and where the computer
generates the event-related content in response to the
event if the variable-function device does not generate the
event-related content.

Independent claim 69 distinguishes over Diem at least
by reciting, a method including "detecting for an event,
wherein the detecting is performed by a computer and
wherein the event comprises a notification that can be
detected by the computer; in response to the event,
generating an event-related content via a variable-function
device; and in response to the event, if the event-related
content is not generated via the variable-function device,
then generating the event-related content via the
computer," (emphasis added), and such recited features are
not disclosed or suggested by Diem.

Accordingly claim 69 is patentable over Diem.

Claims 71-72 depend from claim 69, and are each patentable over Diem for at least the same reasons that claim 69 is patentable over Diem.

Furthermore, claims 71-72 each distinguishes over Diem by reciting additional features.

Accordingly, each of the claims 71-72 are each patentable over Diem.

For the above reasons, Applicants request reconsideration and withdrawal of this rejection under 35 U.S.C. §102.

For the above reasons, Applicants respectfully request allowance of all pending claims.

If the undersigned attorney has overlooked a teaching in any of the cited references that is relevant to the allowability of the claims, the Examiner is respectfully requested to specifically point out where such teachings may be found.
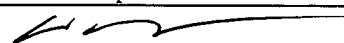
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